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Re: FY 2022 Q1 Report (January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022)
Southeast Rockford Groundwater Contamination Site

Dear Ms. Knoepfle,

This letter is intended to document and fulfill the City of Rockford's obligation to provide quarterly progress reports to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) as required by the Consent Decree between the USEPA, the IEPA, and the City of Rockford (City) signed by the City October 15, 1997.

Over the first quarter in 2022, the below occurred:

- The City and Nationwide Environmental Services, Inc. (NES) responded to an inquiry from AECOM, consultant representative for the Collins Aerospace facility located near 11th Street and Harrison Avenue regarding SERGC Site groundwater monitoring location MW-203. AECOM utilizes the MW-203 as a shared groundwater monitoring point for conducting remedial efforts associated with the SERGC source area and requested information regarding well configuration and operation status. The monitoring well configuration information was provided to AECOM (monitoring well construction specs, well pump type, and screen interval), along with notice requirements for accessing the well to conduct future source area monitoring events. AECOM provided subsequent notice that MW-203 was to be sampled in February 2022.
- Resolved an inquiry from Arcadis US, consultant representative for the ComEd facility located at 123 Energy Drive regarding SERGC Site groundwater monitoring location MW-204. ComEd is planning construction activities in an area thought to encompass the MW-204 location and requested information on the monitoring well operation status. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the well location identified by Arcadis at the ComEd facility was not MW-204, but a relic soil gas monitoring well installed as part of a soil gas study at the ComEd facility and not connected to the SERGC Site groundwater monitoring program.

- Submitted residential water supply monitoring data obtained from designated residential locations at the SERGC Site for the monitoring period Q3 2017 through Q4 2020 in electronic data deliverable (EDD) format in response to USEPA request for information.
- Completed configuration of expanded database for the Site groundwater monitoring data to be utilized in preparing future groundwater monitoring event reports, addressing USEPA comments issued on the November 2020 groundwater monitoring event report content.
- Finalized and submitted consolidated groundwater monitoring report on March 17, 2022 for June and November 2021 groundwater monitoring events conducted at the SERGC Site, incorporating revisions to the Site monitoring report content requested by USEPA involving graphic representation of concentration data, groundwater elevation data, and expanded interpretation of groundwater monitoring event results in the report narrative.
- Continued to finalize updates to the SERGC Site Uniform Federal Policy-Quality Assurance Project Plan 2.0 (UFP-QAPP 2.0) in response to comments received from USEPA in correspondence dated October 4, 2021, and recent changes to the SERGC Site project laboratory (Pace Analytical) personnel and updated analytical method procedures. UFP-QAPP 2.0 document revision planned to be submitted to the City for review by April 8, 2022 followed by submittal to USEPA.
- Update on [REDACTED]: The City, USEPA, and IEPA will be meeting on Monday April 11, 2022 to discuss the property and Deed Notice option.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at (779) 348-7654 or Jamie.Rott@RockfordIL.gov.

Respectfully,



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